RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The rule says that the sanctioning authority may disburse the loan in one instalment if it appears to him to be necessary. It does not say that Government cannot interfere, but I do not know of any instance in which the Government have interfered.

Representation of Municipal Councils in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

21. Mr. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Municipal Councils*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many representatives the Municipal Councils of the State had in the defunct Sri Mulam Popular Assembly?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: 19.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Has any provision been made for their representation in the present Assembly?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: The member's attention is directed to paragraph 12 of the Government Communique dated the 29th October 1932.

Cocoa-brandy and its ingredients.

22. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Excise Department is supplying a kind of liquor known as cocoa-brandy, and, if so, what its ingredients are;

(*b*) whether any chemical examination of the same has been conducted by any expert, and, if so, when, and what is the report received from the expert;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the addition of flavouring materials in liquor will influence its specific gravity; and

(*d*) whether the arrack manufactured in the distilleries is examined every time it is manufactured and issued, and. if so, by whom?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes, It is arrack distilled from cocoanut toddy, coloured and flavoured with the recipe of brandy.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This has not been tested.

(*d*) Yes. The arrack distilled in the Nagercoil Distillery is tested by the Chemical Examiner to Government or the Industrial Chemist once a quarter.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: How is the present pattern of liquor an improvement upon the old flavoured toddy arrack?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The old cocoanut toddy was prepared with rum essence. Now it is prepared with brandy essence.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: What is the object of introducing this kind of liquor? Is it to compete with foreign liquor?

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